

What is claimed is:

1. A handheld personal communications device for voice and video communications comprising:

a first body having a display;

5 a second body having a plurality of manual inputs, the first body adapted for attachment to the second body, the personal communications device having an open position wherein the display of the first body and the manual inputs of the second body are accessibly exposed to face a user, the personal communications device having a closed position wherein the display of the first body is at least partially protected by the second body and the manual inputs of the second body are accessibly exposed to face the user;

a video camera operatively connected to the second body such that in the closed position, the video camera faces the user and in the open position the video camera faces away from the user.

2. The handheld personal communications device of claim 1 wherein the display includes a sub region viewable by the user in the closed position.

3. The handheld personal communications device of claim 1 wherein the first body is removably attached to the second body and each of said first body and said second body includes a close range transceiver.

4. The handheld personal communications device of claim 1 wherein the display is adapted to operate as a view finder associated with the video camera when in an open position.

5. A system for personal voice and video communications, comprising:

a handheld personal communications device comprising a first body having a display and a second body having a plurality of manual inputs, the first body adapted for attachment to the second body, the personal communications device having an open position wherein the display of the first body and the manual inputs of the second

body are accessibly exposed to face a user, the personal communications device having a closed position wherein the display of the first body is at least partially protected by the second body and the manual inputs of the second body are accessibly exposed to face the user, and a video camera operatively connected to the second body such that in the closed position the video camera faces the user and in the open position the video camera faces away from the use, the handheld personal communications device having a voice transceiver and a close range transceiver; an earpiece comprising a bone conduction sensor operatively connected to a second close range transceiver for communication with the handheld personal communications device.

6. The system of claim 5 wherein the first body and the second body of the handheld personal communications device are removeably attached.

7. A method of providing video communications comprising:
providing a device comprising a first body having a processor operatively connected to a display, a plurality of buttons, a voice transceiver, and a first close range transceiver and a second body having a video imaging device and operatively connected to a second close range transceiver, the first body removable from said second body;
removing the first body from the second body;
acquiring a video image with the video imaging device and transmitting the video from the second body to the first body;
displaying the video image on the display of the first body.

8. The method of claim 7 further comprising storing a representation of the video image.

9. The method of claim 7 further comprising transmitting the video image using the voice transceiver.

10. The method of claim 7 wherein the second body further comprises a microphone operatively connected to the second close range transceiver.

11. The method of claim 10 further comprising transmitting audio from the second
5 body to the first body.

12. A personal communications device, comprising:
a housing comprising a first body and a second body operatively connected to the first
body, the second body having a first side and an opposite second side;
10 the first and second body having an open position, a first closed position, and a second
closed position;
the first side of the second body openly exposed and the second side of the second body
adjacent the first body in the first closed position;
the second side of the second body openly exposed and the first side of the second body
15 adjacent the first body in the second closed position;
a voice transceiver disposed within the housing.

13. The personal communications device of claim 12 wherein the first body is slidably
hinged to the second body.
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14. The personal communications device of claim 12 further comprising a first plurality
of buttons on the first side of the second body and a second plurality of buttons on the
second side of the second body.

25 15. The personal communications device of claim 12 wherein the first body includes a
display.

16. The personal communications device of claim 12 further comprising a third body
operatively connected to the first body;
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17. The personal communications device of claim 16 wherein the third body is slidably hinged to the first body.

18. The personal communications device of claim 16 wherein the first and third body
5 have an open position, a first closed position, and a second closed position.

19. The personal communications device of claim 16 wherein the third body has a first side and an opposite second side, and wherein the first side of the third body is openly exposed and the second side of the third body is adjacent the first body in the first closed
10 position; and
the second side of the third body openly exposed and the first side of the third body adjacent the first body in the second closed position.

20. The personal communications device of claim 16 wherein the third body includes a
15 display.

21. The personal communications device of claim 12 wherein the second body includes a display.

20 22. The personal communication device of claim 12 wherein each of the first body and the second body includes a display.

23. The personal communications device of claim 12 wherein the first body is removeably attached to the second body.
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24. The personal communications device of claim 12 wherein the first body includes at least one video camera.

25. The personal communications device of claim 16 wherein the third body is
30 removeably attached to the second body.

26. The personal communications device of claim 16 wherein the third body includes at least one video camera.

27. The personal communications device of claim 12 wherein the first body includes a close range transceiver and the second body includes a close range transceiver.

28. The personal communications device of claim 16 wherein the third body includes a close range transceiver and the second body includes a close range transceiver.

29. The personal communications device of claim 16 wherein the first body, second body, and third body each include a close range transceiver.

30. The personal communications device of claim 16 wherein the second body includes at least one video sensor.

31. A personal communications device, comprising:
a housing comprising a first body, a second body, and a third body;
the first body operatively connected to the second body, the third body operatively connected to the second body;
a voice transceiver disposed within the housing.

32. The personal communications device of claim 31 wherein the first body is hinged to the second body.

33. The personal communications device of claim 31 further comprising at least one of a display or a plurality of buttons associated with each of the first body, the second body, and the third body.

34. The personal communications device of claim 31 wherein the first body is slidably hinged to the second body.

35. The personal communications device of claim 31 wherein the third body is hinged to the third body.

36. The personal communications device of claim 35 wherein the third body is slidably
5 hinged to the third body.